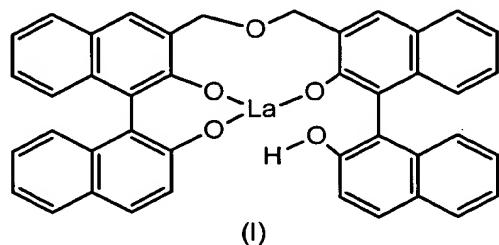


Amendments to the Claims:

The following claims will replace all prior versions of the claims in this application (in the unlikely event that no claims follow herein, the previously pending claims will remain):

1. (Currently amended) A catalyst composition comprising a lanthanum-linked BINOL-lanthanum complex selected from the list consisting of;
 - (i) an unsubstituted lanthanum-linked BINOL-lanthanum complex of general formula (I), and
 - (ii) a substituted lanthanum-linked BINOL-lanthanum complex of general formula (I), wherein at least one of the hydrogen atoms on at least one of the aromatic rings of the complex is substituted with a substituting group.



2. (Original) A catalyst according to claim 1 wherein the lanthanum-linked BINOL-lanthanum complex is unsubstituted (R,R)-lanthanum-linked BINOL-BINOL-lanthanum complex.
3. (Original) A catalyst according to claim 1 wherein the substituting group is selected from the list comprising an alkyl group, an aryl group, a halide, a, a nitro group, an amino groupand, or a sulphonyl group.
- 4-9. (Cancelled).